Working of NHPC

†1432. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) was set up in 1975;

(b) if not, the facts in this reaged and whether it is also a fact that projects with power generation capacity of 4145 mega watts are functioning under the said institution, at present;

(c) if not, the actual position in this regard;

(d) whether a target has been set to generate 25,000 MW of more power in this sector during the next 20 years; and

(e) if not, the facts in this regard and whether the total power generation capacity in this sector in the country is more than 1,45,000 MW?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd. (NHPC) was set up in 1975.

(b) and (c) At present, 11 hydro projects with total installed capacity of 3137.20 MW are in operation under NHPC. In addition, 2 hydro projects of total installed capacity of 1520 MW are in operation under Narmada Hydro Development Corporation (NHDC), which is a Joint Venture between NHPC and Madhya Pradesh.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) A capacity of 78,577 MW has been proposed to be added during the 11th Plan period, which includes a hydro capacity addition of 16,553 MW. However, the reassessment studies of the hydroelectric potential of the country, completed by Central Electricity Authority in 1987, have placed the hydro potential at 1,48,701 MW in terms of installed capacity. The Government of India is committed to the speedy development of hydro power in the country. However, the development of the entire potential will depend on the techno-economic viability of the projects and the policies of the respective host State Governments to harness this potential.

Replacement of old electricity poles and wires

†1433. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that poles and wires used in conducting electricity in the country are about twenty five years old;

(b) whether any survey has been done about the number of poles in decrepit condition; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and what efforts are being made for their replacement?

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